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TAGS:EMIN, UNCTAD

SUBJECT:UNCTAD-COPPER PRODUCER/CONSUMER MEETING

REF: GENEVA 1659

1. SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS OF UNCTAD AGENDA REPORTED REFTEL HAVE RAISED QUESTION OF INTERPRETATION HERE. U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF UNCTAD INVITATION WAS BASED ON OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT UNCTAD SECRETARIAT HAD AGREED TO CONDUCT CONSULTATIONS IN UNBIASED MANNER AND NOT REPEAT NOT TO PUT PRECONDITIONS ON DISCUSSIONS. IT APPEARS, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IN AGENDA ITEMS AND NOTATIONS OF UNCTAD AND CIPEC PAPERS MENTION OF ARRANGEMENTS CREATES PREMISES FOR PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATION OF A SPECIFIC COMMODITY AGREEMENT AT MEETING. THIS IS CONTRARY TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF PURPOSES OF MEETING.

2. PROBLEMS OF COPPER AND COPPER MARKETS ARE EXTREMELY COMPLEX AND, BEFORE ANY ACTION INCLUDING ANY TYPE OF COMMODITY AGREEMENT FOR COPPER CAN BE CONSIDERED, IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS MUST BE MADE OF SUCH THINGS AS MARKET TRENDS, CONDITIONS AND OUTLOOK. U.S. WOULD ENVISION DISCUSSION OF SUCH ISSUES AS PROBLEMS RELATED TO SUPPLY (SHORT AND LONG-TERM PRODUCTION OUTLOOK, NEED FOR IMPROVED INVESTMENT CLIMATE AND BETTER TECHNICAL AND NON-TECHNICAL MINING MANAGEMENT

AS WELL AS CAUSES OF PRICE FLUCTUATIONS), PROBLEMS RELATED TO MARKETS, (ACCESS, OBSTACLES TO EFFICIENT OPERATIONS, FUTURE TRENDS, STRUCTURAL FEATURES) AND PROBLEMS RELATED TO TRADE (IMPEDIMENTS, EXPANSION OF PRIMARY PROCESSING TO LDCS, LONG TERM CONTRACTS) AS EMPHASIS OF MEETING. BEYOND INITIATING SUCH ANALYSIS, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ESTABLISHMENT OF ON-GOING PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONSULTATIVE GROUP FOR COPPER. AS INDICATED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES THIS SUBJECT WE ARE OPEN-MINDED WHERE SUCH A GROUP MIGHT BE LOCATED INSTITUTIONALLY. HOWEVER, PERFORMANCE OF UNCTAD SECRETARIAT IN HANDLING MARCH 22 MEETING WILL INFLUENCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUR POSITION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CLARIFY MEANING OF AGENDA ITEMS AND INFORM UNCTAD SECRETARIAT OF U.S. VIEWS EXPRESSED ABOVE. KISSINGER

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